

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BOARD OF REGISTRATION IN MEDICINE

POLICY 91-04

(Adopted December 18, 1991)

DELEGATION TO STAFF OF AUTHORITY TO APPROVE CERTAIN
DESIGNATED AGENCY REQUESTS

The Board's regulations (243 CMR 1.02(11)) identify y several agencies which are eligible to receive confidential Board records pursuant to M.G.L. c.112, § 5. The regulation provides that the Board shall "review written requests for investigative records or other confidential information from [these] agencies which are hereby designated to receive, upon Board approval, such information. . . ."

The Board hereby delegates to the Executive Director, in consultation with the General Counsel and the Chief of the Disciplinary Unit, the authority to approve all designated agency requests except records which fall within the following categories:

- peer review records;
- records that have not been routinely released by the Board in the past, and the release of which may raise novel questions of policy for the Board; and
- records the release of which would unduly infringe on privacy interests of the subject.

All designated agency requests that fall into the above categories or about which such a question exists will be presented to the full Board for approval.

The Executive Director will maintain a list of designated agency requests and approvals which shall be reported quarterly to the Board.